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CARACAS FOR DAO; PASS NWC GROUP

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TAGS: MILI, GEN-GY/US
SUBJECT: OVERSEAS FIELD STUDY GROUP NWC NO. 15

REF: (A) STATE 095297, (B) MORRISSEY/DAO TELCONS

1. LANDING CLEARANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR EMBASSY CARACAS
AIRCRAFT TO LAND AT TIMEHRI AIRPORT MAY 13. EMBASSY UNDER-
STANDS CARACAS DEPARTURE IS NOW 1000 CARACAS TIME AND FLIGHT
TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS 20 MINS. ARRIVAL IN GUYANA
THEREFORE WILL BE 1120 LOCAL TIME. JET FUEL AVAILABLE AND
TEXACO (VENDOR) WILL ACCEPT FORM 15 FOR PAYMENT.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IF EVERY EFFORT CAN BE MADE TO
COVER US AIR FORCE INSIGNIA ON AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO VISIT.
FONMIN WILLS AND PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM GAVE ORIGNIAL APPROVAL
OF VISIT ONLY AFTER WE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM
WASHINGTON THAT THE PLANE WOULD NOT BE A MILITARY PLANE.
WILLS HAS AGREED PLANE CAN COME, BUT WAS NOT
COMFORTABLE WITH NEWS IT BEARS USAF MARKINGS.
OPPOSITION PARTY HERE (PPP) HAS BEEN CRITICIZING THE
GOVERNMENT FOR CURRENT "COSINESS" WITH USG. OPPOSITION
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HAS ALSO CONSISTENTLY ATTACKED GOG OVER US-GOG TIMEHRI
BASE AGREEMENT. ARRIVAL OF USAF AIRCRAFT COULD
THEREFORE EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT AND PLACE IT UNDER
PRESSURE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS NATIONALIST CREDENTIALS
BY RADICAL STATEMENTS OR ACTIONS.

3. FOLLOWING IS SCHEDULE DEVELOPED TO DATE:

FRIDAY, MAY 13

1120 ARRIVAL. GROUP WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO PEGASUS
HOTEL.

1500 BRIEFING BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL (IN EMBASSY).

SATURDAY, MAY 14

0900 MEET WITH BRIGADIER CLARENCE A. PRICE, CHIEF
OF STAFF OF GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE (GDF).

1030 MEET WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HUBERT JACK.

1330 MEET WITH COL. C.E. MARTINDALE, COMMANDER,
PEOPLE'S MILITIA.

EVENING CHARGE BLACKEN PLANS HOST SMALL STAG SOCIAL
EVENT INVOLVING GUYANESE OFFICIALS.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

1100 DEPART HOTEL FOR TIMEHRI AIRPORT.

1300 DEPART ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT 228.

4. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO
MEET WITH THE NWC GROUP. FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS HAS
GONE TO YUGOSLAVIA TO JOIN PRESIDENT CHUNG DURING STATE
VISIT THERE AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL MAY 16. HOWEVER,
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HUBERT JACK, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER
FOR ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND AN ARTICULATE
SPOKESMAN FOR GUYANA'S BRAND OF SOCIALISM, WILL MEET
WITH THE GROUP TO DISCUSS GUYANA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND
ISSUES IN US-GUYANA RELATIONS. PRICE AND MARTINDALE
WILL DISCUSS THEIR RESPECTIVE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.
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